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Act 6.

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YOU'VE REACHED THE CUSTOMER SERVICE HOTLINE.
YES.

YES, I'M EXTREMELY SORRY TO HEAR THAT.
YES, THAT'S QUITE REASON-ABLE.
Customer Complaint Processing Department.
YOUR OPINION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US.
YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH
Right now, I'm working at a movie production company's...
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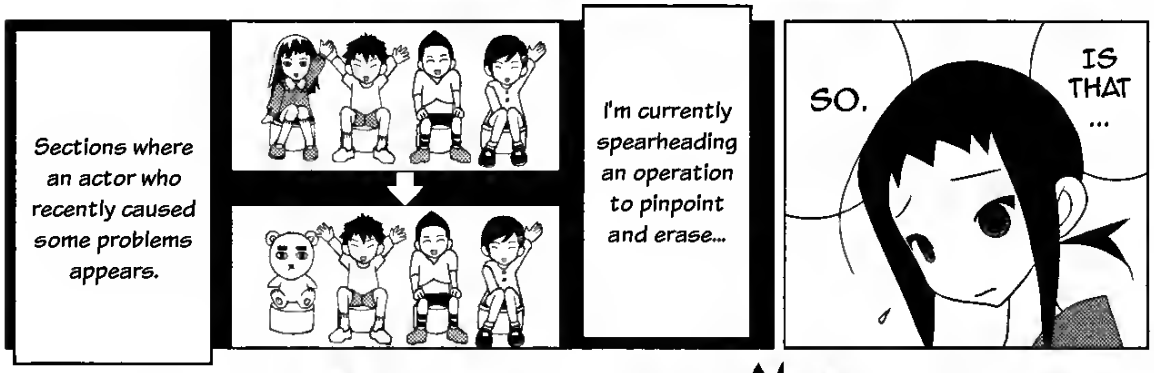
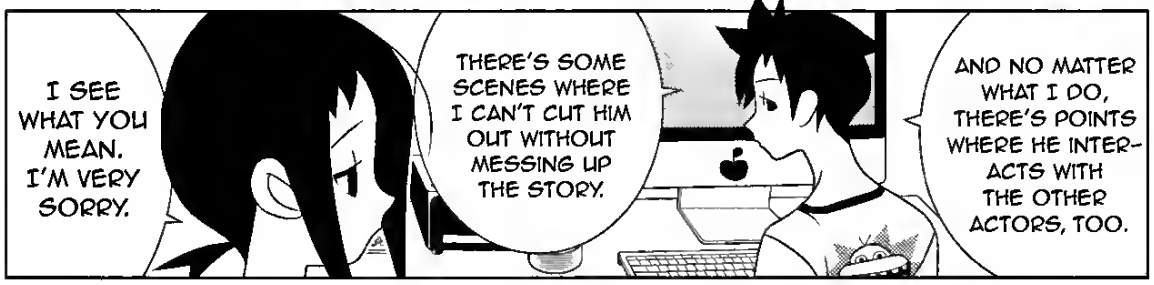
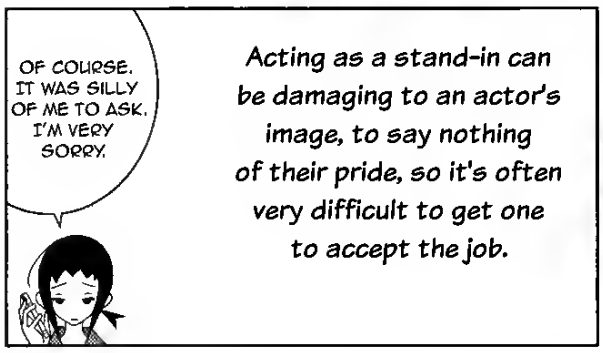
HMMM... HE SHOWS UP IN A LOT OF SCENES, SEE. I'M STILL NOT SURE.
HOW IS IT? DOES IT SEEM LIKE YOU CAN ERASE ALL OF IT?


Sections where an actor who recently caused some problems appears.
I'm currently spearheading an operation to pinpoint and erase...
SO.
IS THAT ...


I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN. I'M VERY SORRY.
THERE'S SOME SCENES WHERE I CAN'T CUT HIM OUT WITHOUT MESSING UP THE STORY.
AND NO MATTER WHAT I DO, THERE'S POINTS WHERE HE INTERACTS WITH THE OTHER ACTORS, TOO.

AFTER ALL, IT WOULD BE RUDE OF ME TO ASK YOU TO STAND IN FOR ANOTHER ACTOR, WOULDN'T IT?
OF COURSE NOT. I'M VERY SORRY.

AND THEN HAVE THEM RE-SHOOT EVERY SCENE, IS THERE?
I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO BUT FIND SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE HIS PLACE...


OF COURSE. IT WAS SILLY OF ME TO ASK. I'M VERY SORRY.
Acting as a stand-in can be damaging to an actor's image, to say nothing of their pride, so it's often very difficult to get one to accept the job.

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM GLOOMY.
HM?
HAH...
SO YOU JUST NEED TO FIND A REPLACE-MENT, RIGHT?
I SEE.
THERE'S PLENTY OF ACTORS OUT THERE WITH TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS LOOKING FOR A JOB.
DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND!?
A STAND-IN?
EH?

LUCKY!
HMMM... I MIGHT NEED TO THINK ABOUT IT...
I UNDER-STAND IT MAY NOT BE A VERY PLEASANT THING TO HAVE ASKED OF YOU, BUT...
IF THERE'S ANY WAY...
HMMM... IF YOU REALLY INSIST...
I SUP-POSE I MIGHT...
BE WILLING TO TAKE THE JOB.
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!
IT SEEMS THEY'RE SENDING A CAR TO PICK YOU UP RIGHT AWAY!
I THINK WE MAY BE EMPLOYING YOUR SERVICES FOR QUITE A WHILE...
SO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR TIME.
IS IT SOME KIND OF LONG-RUNNING SERIAL DRAMA OR SOMETHING?
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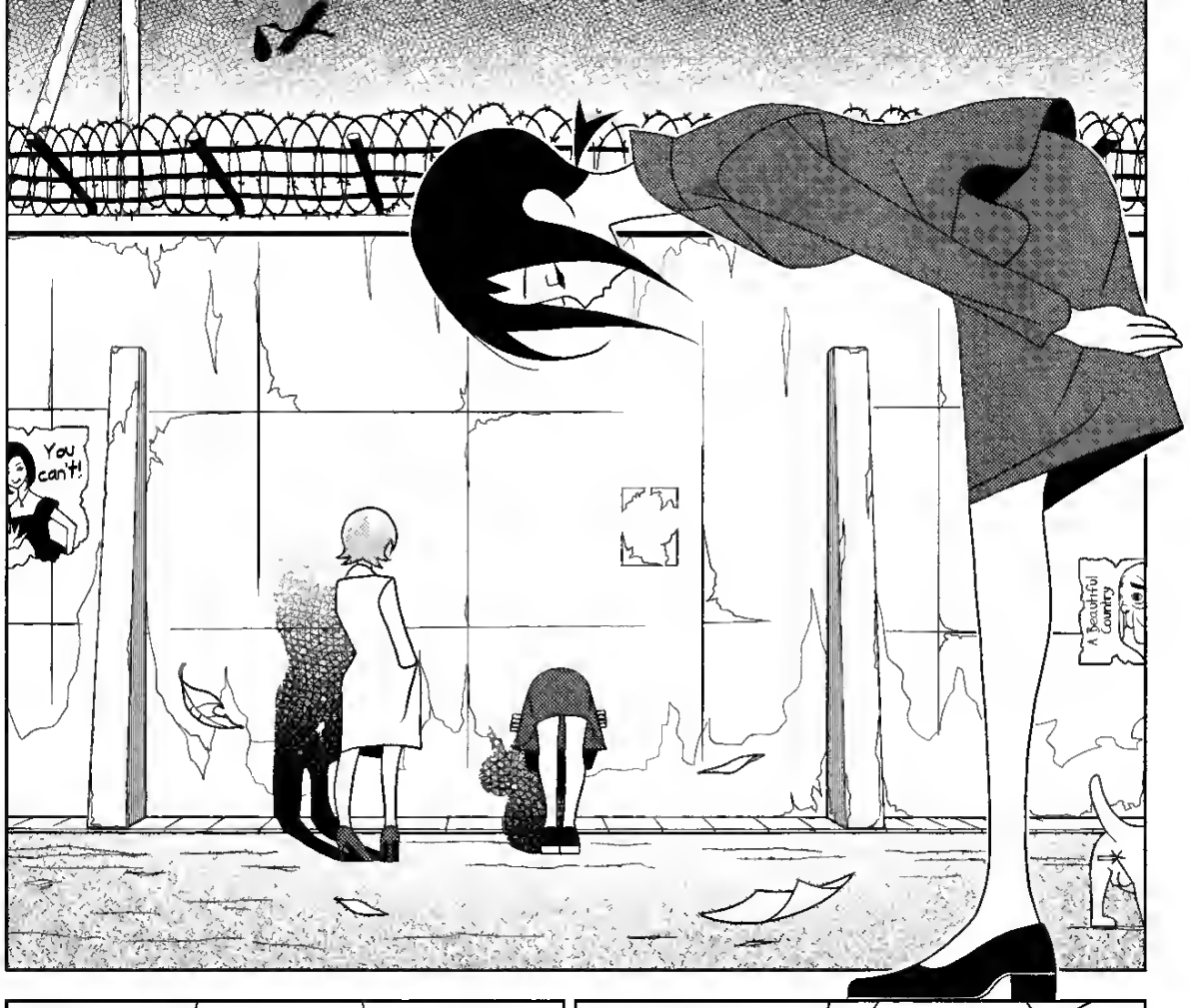
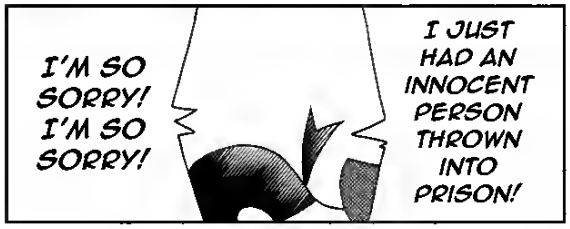
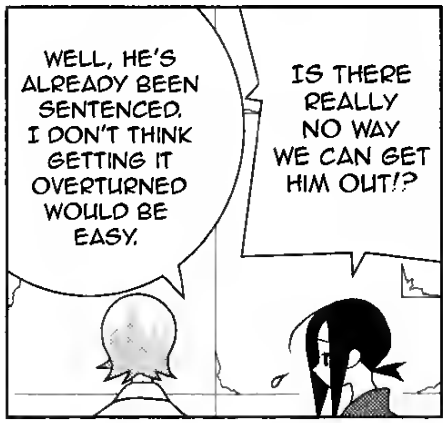
YOU MEANT BECOMING SOMEBODY ELSE'S FALL GUY!?
BY "STAND-IN"...

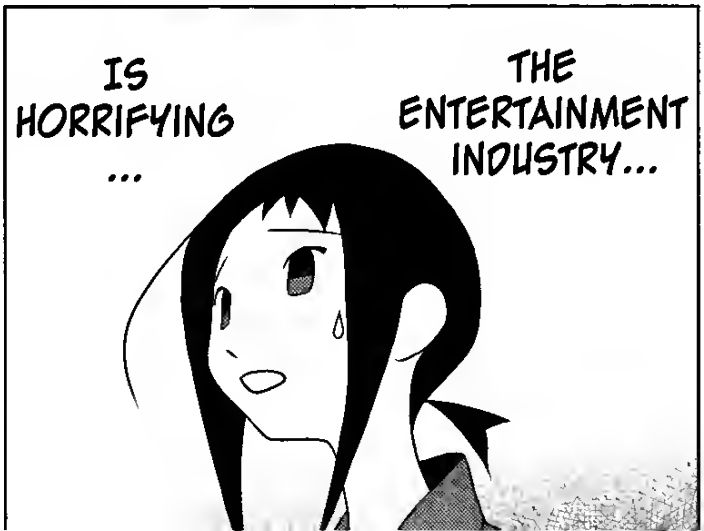

You can't!
A Beautiful Country


I'M SO SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!
I JUST HAD AN INNOCENT PERSON THROWN INTO PRISON!

IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE SOMEBODY WHO SERVES HARD TIME IN SOMEONE ELSE'S PLACE!
WASN'T WHAT YOU MEANT BY "STAND-IN"?
SO YOU SAY THIS...

IT'S JUST AN INDUSTRY CUSTOM.
THIS WAY IS CHEAPER IN THE LONG RUN, THOUGH.


WELL, HE'S ALREADY BEEN SENTENCED. I DON'T THINK GETTING IT OVERTURNED WOULD BE EASY.
IS THERE REALLY NO WAY WE CAN GET HIM OUT!?


IS HORRIFYING ...
THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY...

NOT UNLESS THE ACTUAL CULPRIT WERE TO TURN HIMSELF IN.
MAYBE THE AGENCY IS STARTING TO LOSE INFLUENCE OR SOMETHING.
THOSE COVER-UP GUYS ARE TOO SLOW!
THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL.
HUU~ UHH?
PLEASE, TURN YOURSELF IN!
WHAT IS IT, PRETTY LADY?
OH?
EXCUSE ME...
.....
WHAT IT IS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
I HAVE NO IDEA...
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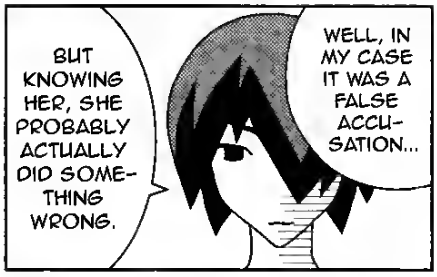
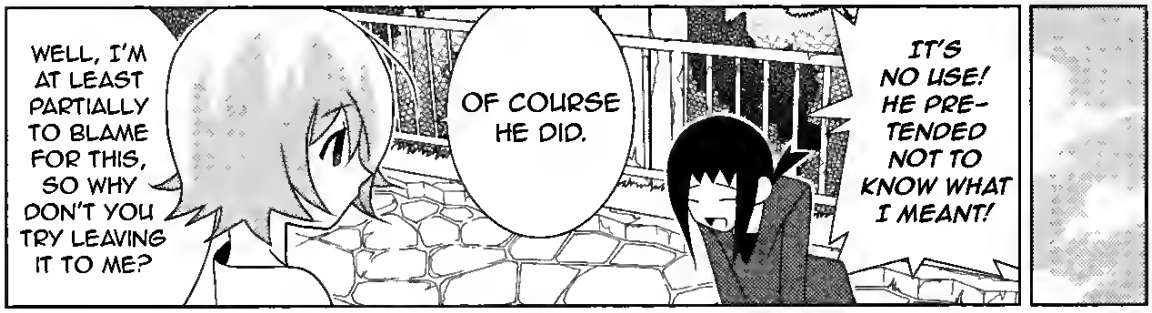
OH?
EH?
I'M ...
UMMM ...
EH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
LIAR! YOU'RE WEARING A PRISON UNIFORM!
I'M HERE TO RESCUE YOU!
WHATEEEVER COULD IT BE?
HUH...
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO!?

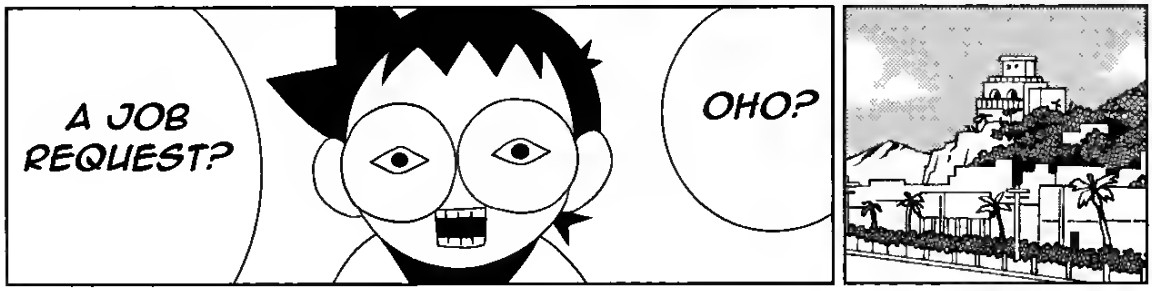
I WAS INNO-CENT IN MY MIND!
AT THE VERY LEAST ...

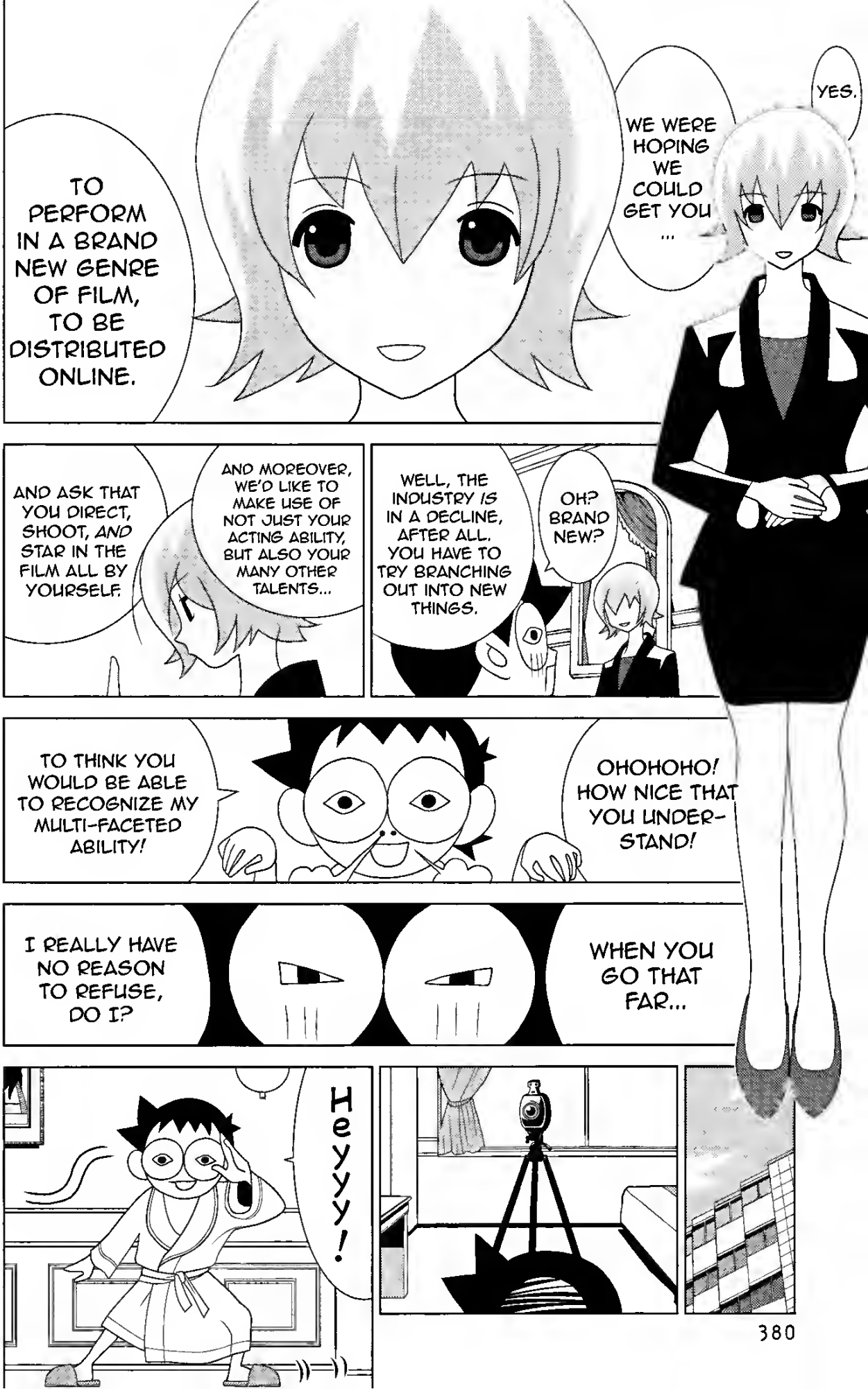

BUT KNOWING HER, SHE PROBABLY ACTUALLY DID SOME-THING WRONG.
WELL, IN MY CASE IT WAS A FALSE ACCU-SATION...

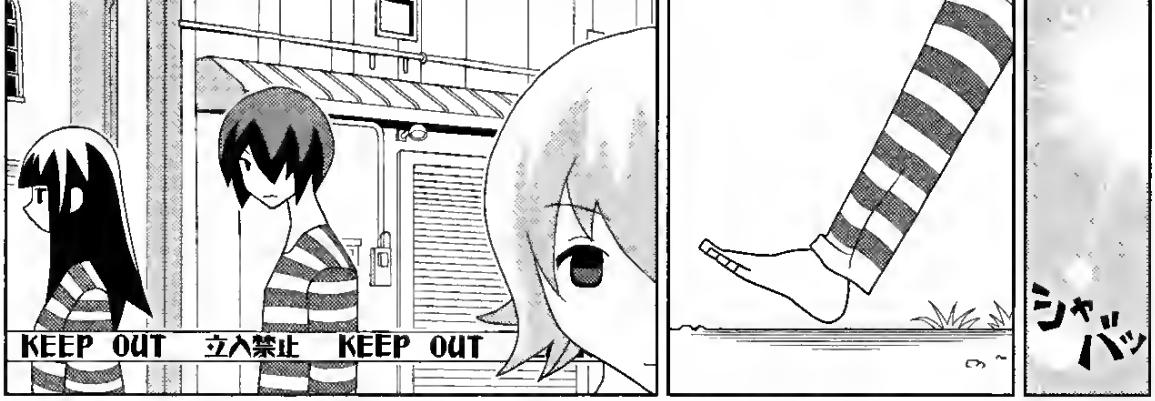
INTOLERANT OR NOT, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOME KIND OF LEGAL RULING THAT GOT YOU HERE, RIGHT?
DON'T YOU THINK THIS WORLD HAS GROWN RATHER INTOLERANT?

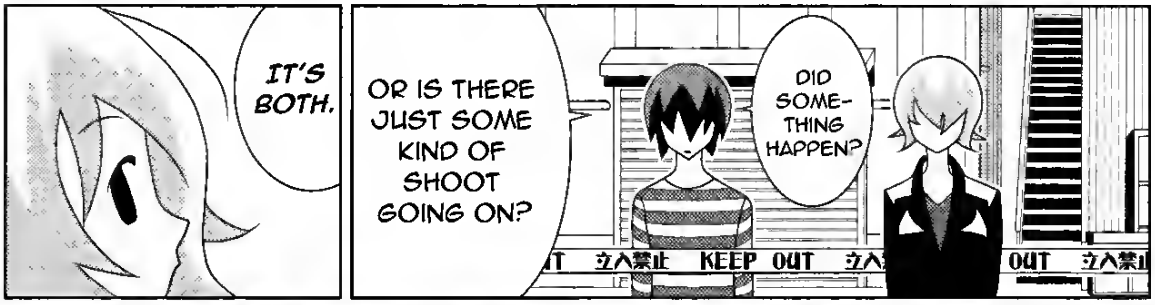
ANYWAY, FOR NOW IT SEEMS LIKE I CAN GET OUT OF HERE IF I FOLLOW HER.

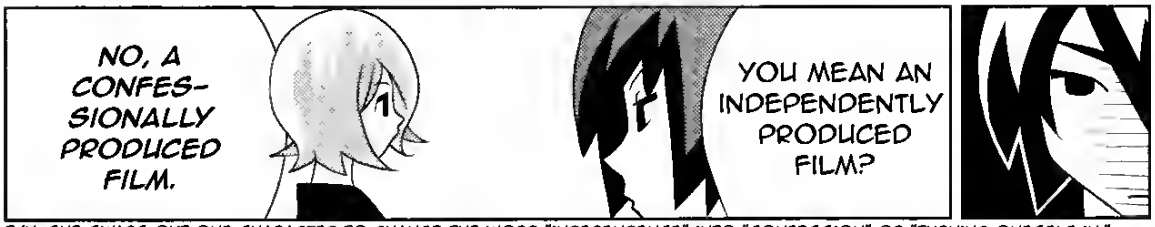

WELL, I'M AT LEAST PARTIALLY TO BLAME FOR THIS, SO WHY DON'T YOU TRY LEAVING IT TO ME?
OF COURSE HE DID.
IT'S NO USE! HE PRE-TENDED NOT TO KNOW WHAT I MEANT!


A JOB REQUEST?
OHO?


TO PERFORM IN A BRAND NEW GENRE OF FILM, TO BE DISTRIBUTED ONLINE.
WE WERE HOPING WE COULD GET YOU ...
YES.
AND ASK THAT YOU DIRECT, SHOOT, AND STAR IN THE FILM ALL BY YOURSELF.
AND MOREOVER, WE'D LIKE TO MAKE USE OF NOT JUST YOUR ACTING ABILITY, BUT ALSO YOUR MANY OTHER TALENTS...
WELL, THE INDUSTRY IS IN A DECLINE, AFTER ALL. YOU HAVE TO TRY BRANCHING OUT INTO NEW THINGS.
OH? BRAND NEW?
TO THINK YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE MY MULTI-FACETED ABILITY!
OHOHOHO! HOW NICE THAT YOU UNDER-STAND!
I REALLY HAVE NO REASON TO REFUSE, DO I?
WHEN YOU GO THAT FAR...
Heyyy!

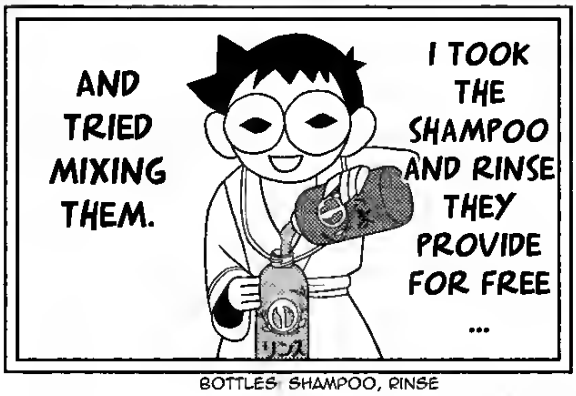


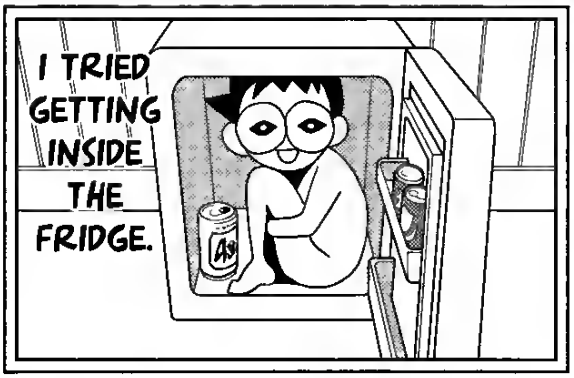




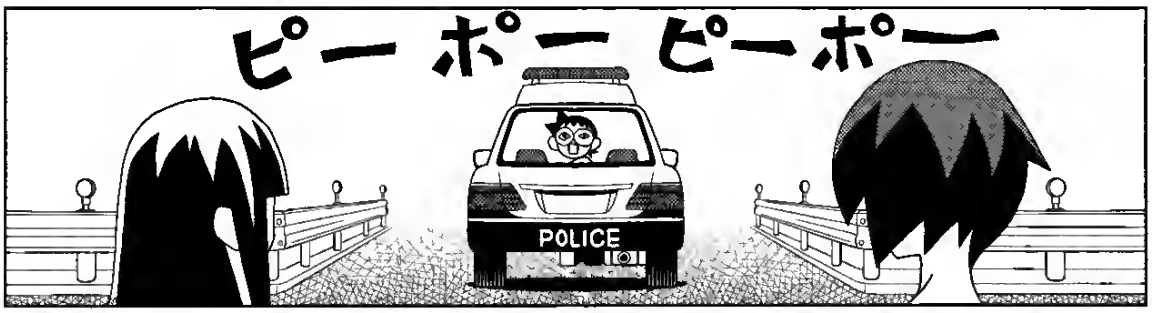
T/N: SHE SWAPS OUT ONE CHARACTER TO CHANGE THE WORD "INDEPENDENCE" INTO "CONFESSION" OR "TURNING ONESELF IN."

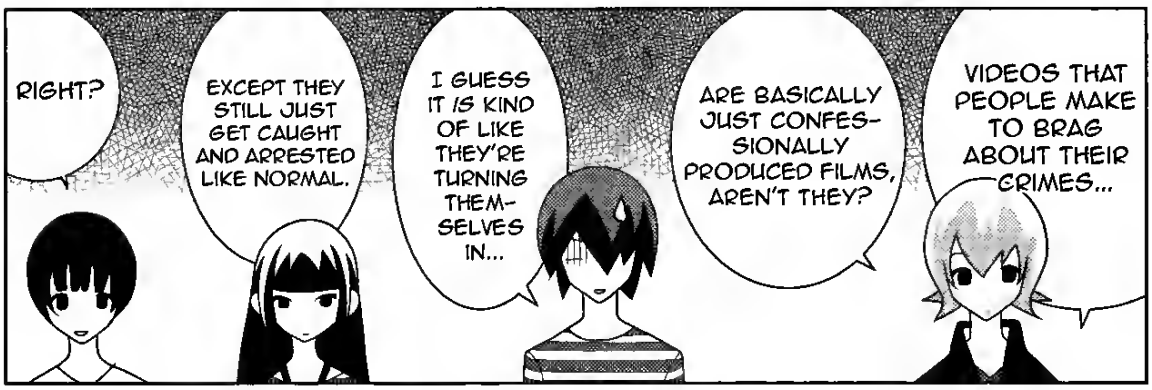
COMMENTS
THIS IS OUT
3 DAYS AGO
REPORTED TO THE POLICE
3 DAYS AGO
TURN YOURSELF IN BEFORE THE POLICE FIND YOU
3 DAYS AGO
SOMEBODY GET THIS GUY OUT OF HERE
...WHAT?
JUST AS THE NAME SUGGESTS, IT'S A FILM SHOT BY SOME-ONE WHO'S CONFESSING TO A CRIME.
KEEP OUT 立入禁止 KEEP OUT





BOTTLES: SHAMPOO, RINSE




RIGHT?
EXCEPT THEY STILL JUST GET CAUGHT AND ARRESTED LIKE NORMAL.
I GUESS IT IS KIND OF LIKE THEY'RE TURNING THEM-SELVES IN...
ARE BASICALLY JUST CONFES-SIONALLY PRODUCED FILMS, AREN'T THEY?
VIDEOS THAT PEOPLE MAKE TO BRAG ABOUT THEIR CRIMES...

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